

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A raw~~Raw~~ powder for sintering, comprising Fe as its primary component and also comprising 0.8 wt% or less of C, 0.05 to 1.0 wt% of Si, 1.0 wt% or less of Mn, and 1.0 to 10.0 wt% or less of Ni, wherein
the mean grain size of the raw powder for sintering is 8.5 μm or less; and
further containing at least one element selected from among 2.0 wt% or less of
Cr, 3.0 wt% or less of Mo, 3.0 wt% or less of Cu, and 0.05 wt% or less of Ti.
2. (cancelled).
3. (original) The raw powder for sintering according to claim 1, wherein the raw powder for sintering is manufactured by a prealloy method.
4. (original) Granulated powder for sintering, obtained by granulating the raw powder for sintering according to claim 1 by means of a binder.
5. (original) The granulated powder for sintering according to claim 4, wherein the mean grain size of the granulated powder for sintering is 10 to 150 μm .

6. (original) A sintered compact with a relative density of 97% or greater, manufactured using the raw powder for sintering according to claim 1.

7. (previously presented) A sintered compact with a relative density of 97% or greater, manufactured using the granulated powder for sintering according to claim 4.

8. (original) A method for manufacturing a sintered compact, comprising a step in which the raw powder for sintering according to claim 1 is first molded and then sintered under specific temperature conditions.

9. (original) A method for manufacturing a sintered compact, comprising a step in which the granulated powder for sintering according to claim 4 is first molded and then sintered under specific temperature conditions.